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Thanks! This news has been circulating here. Interesting to see the safer consumer products role and presentation of the funding as a loan.

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Dear Colleagues,

Governor Brown has just announced a \$176.6 million cleanup plan for the former Exide lead battery recycling plant in Vernon. This is exciting news, and continues the Administration's strong support for our work in closing the Exide facility and cleaning up residential properties contaminated by Exide's emissions.

Here are some details on this proposal.

The administration's plan was outlined in a Department of Finance letter sent to the California state Senate and Assembly budget and appropriations committee chairs. The \$176.6 plan will ensure all residential properties, schools, daycare centers and parks within the 1.7 mile radius of the Exide Technologies facility are tested and contaminated soil removed where lead levels are the highest and potential exposure the greatest. This plan expedites efforts already underway and includes an exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act.

In addition, the Governor is directing the Department to evaluate lead acid batteries through a Hazardous Waste Reduction Initiative. The analysis could result in identifying lead batteries as a 'Priority Product' under the Safer Consumer Products program, which will require manufacturers to evaluate the product's health impacts and consider ways to reduce impacts.

DTSC will conduct specialized testing and analysis to conclusively identify the source of the contamination and hold Exide – and any other responsible parties – accountable. We will also will expand community engagement in the testing and cleanup process; enhance coordination and job training; and promote the use of local business, labor and contracting.

Here is a link to the Governor's press release and letter from the Department of Finance: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19317>

I want to thank all of you who have helped put together details of this proposal, and to all of you who continue to work so hard on this project.